

## Abstract

A system and method for navigating among hierarchies of palette windows displayed on a display. Palette windows may include one or more palette window selection items that, when selected, open child palette windows of the current palette window. Palette windows may include one or more items for navigating in the hierarchy. The navigation items may include back navigation items, forward navigation items, and up navigation items. The navigation items may be used in navigating to previously displayed palette windows and/or to higher palette windows in the hierarchy. A search mechanism for locating palette windows and/or palette window content may be provided. From the search mechanism, the user may locate and open palette windows in one or more hierarchies. The current palette window is closed when a new palette window is opened. Thus, at most one palette window in a hierarchy is displayed at one time.